

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Strapping, comprising:

more than 92% by weight polyester; and

less than 8% by weight of additives comprising one or more polyolefins and optional additional additives, [[:]] wherein the one or more polyolefins constitute less than 3% by weight of the strapping and the one or more polyolefins are selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, branched low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene and combinations thereof;

wherein the strapping does not longitudinally split under tension and has low stretchability.

2. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, comprising:

97.2-99.8% by weight of the polyester; and

0.2-2.8% by weight of the one or more polyolefins.

3. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, comprising:

98.0-99.6% by weight of the polyester; and

0.4-2.0% by weight of the one or more polyolefins.

4. (Currently Amended) The strapping of claim 1, comprising:

99.5-99.8% ~~98.5-99.5%~~ by weight of the polyester; and

0.2-0.5% ~~0.5-1.5%~~ by weight of the one or more polyolefins.

5. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyester comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

6. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyester comprises polybutylene terephthalate.

7. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyester comprises polyethylene naphthalate.

8. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyester comprises polyethylene isophthalate.

9. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyester has an intrinsic viscosity of about 0.7-1.2 deciliters/gram.

10. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyolefin comprises linear low density polyethylene.

11. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyolefin comprises branched low density polyethylene.

12. The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyolefin comprises high density polyethylene.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein at least some of the polyolefin is chemically grafted with a polar monomer.

15. (Original) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is chemically unmodified.

16. (Currently Amended) The strapping of claim 1, wherein the additives comprise an elastomeric material, wherein the elastomeric material does not reduce a longitudinal stretching resistance of the strapping.

17. (Original) The strapping material of claim 16, wherein the elastomeric material comprises a styrene block copolymer.

18. (Currently Amended) Strapping having a width of about 0.5-3 cm and a thickness of about 0.03-0.20 cm, consisting essentially of polyester and one or more polyolefins and the one or more polyolefins are selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, branched low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene and combinations thereof;

wherein the strapping does not longitudinally split under tension and has low stretchability.

19. (Currently Amended) Strapping having a width of about 0.5-3 cm and a thickness of about 0.03-0.20 cm, comprising polyester and less than 3% by weight of one or more polyolefins and the one or more polyolefins are selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, branched low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene and combinations thereof;

wherein the strapping does not longitudinally split under tension and has low stretchability.

20. (Original) The strapping of claim 19, uniaxially oriented in a longitudinal direction of the strapping.

21. (Original) The strapping of claim 19, having a width of about 1-2.5 cm and a thickness of about 0.05-0.15 cm.

22. (Original) The strapping of claim 19, having a width of about 1.25-2 cm and a thickness of about 0.08-0.10 cm.

23. (Original) The strapping of claim 19, wherein the polyolefin comprises linear low density polyethylene.

24. (Currently Amended) The strapping of claim 19, further comprising an elastomeric additive, wherein the elastomeric additive does not reduce a longitudinal stretching resistance of the strapping.

25. (Original) The strapping of claim 19, wherein the polyolefin comprises a chemically modified polyolefin.

26. (Currently Amended) Strapping which has been uniaxially oriented by stretching in a longitudinal direction, having a width of about 0.5-3 cm and a thickness of about 0.03-0.20 cm, comprising polyester and linear low density polyethylene;

wherein the strapping does not longitudinally split under tension and has low stretchability.

27. (Original) The strapping material of claim 26, having a uniaxially oriented length which is about 3-7 times an initial, unstretched length.

28. (Original) The strapping material of claim 26, having a uniaxially oriented length which is about 4-6 times an initial, unstretched length.

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29. (New) The strapping of claim 1, wherein a surface of the strapping is embossed with a pattern or a design.

30. (New) The strapping material of claim 1, having a uniaxially oriented length which is about 3-7 times an initial, unstretched length.